

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

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SUBJECT(S): Upcoming Key Events, Fort Meade Growth and Contracting

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1. Upcoming Events:

BRAC Business Initiative Information/Networking Meeting

- i. Date: 31 March, 2010, 8 AM to 10 AM
- ii. Event: Free, no reservations required
- iii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
- iv. Agenda:
 - Networking: 0730 to 0800
 - Doing Business with Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab
 - Networking extravaganza: New concepts leading to more effective networking with BBI companies will be briefed and discussed.
 - More networking: 1000 to 1030

2. Discussion:

a. White House Cyber-Security plan revealed

- i. Go to whitehouse.gov/cybersecurity and download the unclassified description of the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI)
- ii. The CNCI consists of 12 initiatives. These are:
 - 1) Manage the Federal Enterprise Network as a single network enterprise with Trusted Internet Connections.
 - 2) Deploy an intrusion detection system of sensors across the Federal enterprise.
 - 3) Pursue deployment of intrusion prevention systems across the Federal enterprise.
 - 4) Coordinate and redirect research and development (R&D) efforts.
 - 5) Connect current cyber ops centers to enhance situational awareness.
 - 6) Develop and implement a government-wide cyber counterintelligence (CI) plan.
 - 7) Increase the security of our classified networks.
 - 8) Expand cyber education.
 - 9) Define and develop enduring "leap-ahead" technology, strategies, and programs.
 - 10) Define and develop enduring deterrence strategies and programs.
 - 11) Develop a multi-pronged approach for global supply chain risk management.
 - 12) Define the Federal role for extending cybersecurity into critical infrastructure domains.

b. Fort Meade Region Growth Perception:

Some of our stakeholders have the perception that there will be a significant surge, even tsunami, of Fort Meade growth related families sweeping into the region. To stick with water analogies, the RGMC believes that it will be more like a tide. BRAC, NSA and other Cyber related growth has been going on for some time in our region and is forecast to remain steady for the foreseeable future.

c. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Initial Observations (no surprises!):

- i. Published contracting processes do not always accurately portray contracting realities
- ii. It is a challenge to build a work history if you cannot initially secure the work
- iii. It is hard to figure out the difference between "bundling" and "consolidating."
- iv. It is a challenge to meet security related sponsor requirements when companies have difficulty making official contact with sponsors.
- v. Ultimately, it is about relationships.

How does this information differ from many discussions in the past? The BBI is recording specific instances in order to document the environment.